

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 4753

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove myself as a cosponsor of H.R. 4753, the Stationary Source Regulations Delay Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Georgia?

There was no objection.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY MONTH

(Mr. McNERNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. McNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize April as Occupational Therapy Month, an important occasion to acknowledge the contributions that occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants make every day to help people live healthier lives.

Occupational therapy professionals work tirelessly with people of all ages to them prevent injuries, recover after an accident, and adjust their lives to new physical challenges they may experience. In my home State, occupational therapy professionals provide essential health and rehabilitation services to thousands of Californians each year. In facilities throughout my district like Lodi Memorial Hospital and the Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Manteca, skilled occupational therapy practitioners help my constituents achieve functional independence every day.

I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting April as Occupational Therapy Month and in applauding the work of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants throughout the country.

ASSESSING NEW HEALTH CARE LAW

(Mr. ROONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROONEY. Madam Speaker, last week the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Office of the Actuary released a memo estimating the financial effects of the new health care law. Not surprisingly, they found that costs will increase and access to care will be threatened as this legislation is implemented over the next 10 years.

According to the independent report, "Providers for whom Medicare constitutes a substantive portion of their business could find it difficult to remain profitable and, absent legislative intervention, might end their participation in the program—possibly jeopardizing access to care for beneficiaries." Put simply, the new law will force many doctors to stop seeing Medicare patients, leaving seniors in my district out in the cold.

Additionally, the report claims that "total national health expenditures in

the United States during 2010 to 2019 would increase by about 0.9 percent. The additional demand for health services could lead to price increases, cost-shifting, and/or changes in providers' willingness to treat patients with low-reimbursement health coverage."

The new health care law will drive up costs and make it more difficult for many Americans, especially seniors, to get the care they need.

REMEMBERING SERGEANT JASON A. SANTORA

(Mr. BISHOP of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart following the loss of Army Sergeant Jason A. Santora, who was killed this past Friday fighting Taliban insurgents in Afghanistan.

Sergeant Santora was from Farmingville, New York, in my district of eastern Long Island. He graduated from Sachem High School in 2003 and joined the Army in 2006, becoming a member of the elite Army Rangers.

He was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Benning. Although only 25 years old, he was serving his fourth tour of duty. He served two in Iraq and was 2 months into his second tour as a team leader in Afghanistan's Logar Province.

Sergeant Santora's unit was on a mission to target a compound believed to be a Taliban terror nest when it was ambushed from multiple directions by heavy machine-gun fire. He died of wounds sustained in that gunfire and was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Meritorious Service Medal. The commanding officer of the 75th Ranger Regiment honored his courage by describing Sergeant Santora as a warrior, a true patriot, and an absolute hero who made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our Nation.

Madam Speaker, during the difficult days ahead, my thoughts and prayers are with Sergeant Santora's family—his father, Gary; his mother, Theresa; and his sister, Gina. On behalf of New York's First Congressional District, I thank Sergeant Santora for his service, his gallantry, and his selfless commitment. A grateful nation will always remember his sacrifice and honor his memory.

NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today because April is National Autism Awareness Month. Autism affects nearly one in every 110 children born in the United States and is the fastest growing developmental disability.

With approximately 1.5 million Americans currently living with au-

tism, we have a responsibility to support research and provide resources to support those living with autism. Studies have shown that early diagnosis and treatment can lead to better outcomes for children with autism. In fact, early identification and treatment can help reduce the symptoms of autism, increase progress for children as they enter school and reduce the need for more intensive support in the future.

But to do that, we must work hard to increase the awareness of autism across the country. That's why I'm proud to be an original cosponsor of House Resolution 1033, which officially designates April as Autism Awareness Month. I look forward to working with my colleagues in the days and months ahead on both sides of the aisle to bringing awareness to this important effort going forward.

RECOGNIZING 85TH ANNIVERSARY OF WHBC RADIO

(Mr. BOCCIERI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOCCIERI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 85th anniversary of WHBC-AM Radio, the oldest radio station in Stark County and Canton, Ohio.

Founded in 1925, WHBC was the first Catholic station in the country. It later changed formats and quickly became one of the shining, trusted voices of northeast Ohio. In the golden age of broadcasting, parents and children would gather around the radio and listen to WHBC.

Bing Crosby's music was soothing and simple. Dragnet was exciting and fun. A father and son could listen to a ball game and the Indians win their last World Series in 1948.

Today, WHBC is as diverse a station as the citizens of northeast Ohio. WHBC gives people the facts, and its programming gets to the heart of who we are as northeast Ohioans. Fans can listen to their favorite teams in the car, or as I like to do, turn down the television and listen to WHBC's play-by-play. I listen to WHBC because it's a quality radio station and has maintained that standard for 85 years.

Congratulations.

REPORT ON HEALTH CARE REFORM LEGISLATION

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, throughout the health care reform debate, I focused on four tenets. We needed to improve affordability, access, quality and choice. I said when the bill passed that it did not fulfill those requirements.

It gives me no pleasure to show you where the actuary report for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services agrees with me.